

C.P.R. denies responsibility for street crossing safety - Feb 12, 1891

H. Abbott, General Superintendent of the C.P.R., denies C.P.R.'s responsibility to "furnish, at its own cost" the protection Council has requested at certain street crossings. The Board of Works orders that the City Morgue be connected to the water works and public sewers. The lawyer for nearby resident Mr McMillan be contacted to see if his objection to the morgue "nuisance" can be settled amicably. (Mr. McMillan was a grocer at the corner of Abbott and Water Street.)

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Vancouver Feb. 12th 1891.

The Council met on Thursday February 12th 1891 at 8 P.M.

Present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Brighthouse, Carroll, Godfrey, Hobson, Templeton, Brown, McDowell, Doering and DePencier.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications.

From J.C. Keith and E.E. Rand donating an oil portrait of Captain Vancouver to the City.

Moved by Alderman Templeton

Seconded by " DePencier.

That the gift be accepted and a vote of thanks tendered to the donors.

Carried.

From F.C. Cotton M.P.P acknowledging the receipt of a resolution from Council regarding appropriations for Hospitals, Museum and Fire Department.

Filed.

From E. Chanteloup offering to quote prices for a Market Clock.

Referred to the Market Committee

From Sam K. Champion asking to be favored with orders for material for the proposed Crematory.

Referred to the Crematory Committee.

From G.E. Corbould M.P. stating that he had received a communication from the Department of Public Works that the matter of the Construction of a Draw Bridge over False Creek is now before the Council.

Filed.

From Sentell and others praying for the improvement of Harris St.

Referred to the Board of Works.

From the Market Clerk furnishing his weekly report.
Filed.

From the City Auditor furnishing a statement of the receipts and disbursements for the month of January 1891.
Filed.

From J. Cooper Keith acknowledging receipt of letter re Sugar Refinery deposit, and stating that he had paid over the money as instructed.
Filed.

From Charles A. Beals et al praying for the improvement of Davie St.
Referred to the Board of Works.

From Messrs. Blake and Magee asking the City to pay L. Authier \$75.00 being one month's salary as Assistant Street Inspector.
Referred to the Finance Committee

From John Slade et al complaining about a nuisance on Gore Av.
Referred to the Health Inspector.

From H. Abbott, General Superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. stating that he was not prepared to admit that the Company was liable to furnish at its own cost, the whole or any part of the protection which the Council desired should be provided at certain Street crossings.
Referred to the Board of Works.

From the Chief of Police furnishing a report on the Street lights for the fortnight ending February 7th 1891.
Filed.

From Bernard Hardy applying for a position on the Fire Brigade.
Referred to the F. W & L. Committee.

Reports.

Police No 3.
The Police Committee met on Tuesday February 10th 1891
Present Aldermen DePencier, Carroll, Hobson and McDowell.

It was recommended:-

1 That the following accounts be paid:-

Thos Dunn & Co. Supplies \$1.25

D. McRae, Writing Desk 19.00

J.P. Blake, Bread 14.20

H. Eligh, Milk 1.70

C. Nelson, Supplies 3.00

Hayes & McIntosh, Meat 8.05

B.C. Cattle Co. " 10.75
M.G. McLeod, Ry fares 4.55
S.T. Tilley, Stationery 2.00
W.C. Marshall, Drayage. .50
John Scuitto, Groceries 44.66

2 That officer North's salary be increased by \$10.00 per month after the 17th inst.

3 That John Clough's salary be increased by \$5.00 per month from 1st January 1891.

4 That Wm. Preston be appointed Poundkeeper at a salary of \$55.00 per month, all fees to be paid to the City Treasurer, he to be subject to summary dismissal if found incompetent.

5 That E.A. Harris be appointed police officer of the City of Vancouver on trial for 30 days and be subject to summary dismissal if found incompetent. Salary to be fixed at \$60.00 per month.

sgd

H. DePencier
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Doering
Seconded by " Brighthouse

That the Report of the Police Committee be adopted.
Carried.

Works. No. 5

The Board of Works met on Thursday February 4th 1891.
Present Aldermen Brighthouse, DePencier, Brown, Godfrey, and Templeton.
It was recommended:-

1 That the communications from Messrs Tatlow and Spinks re Oppenheimer Street be referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion thereon.

2 That the communication from J.M. Browning re the crossing opposite the C.P.R. Opera House be not entertained

3 That the communication from A.D. Pinnick etal asking for the grading etc of 14th Av be received and filed.

4 That the communication from Messrs Yates, Jay & Russell re the claim of J.G. McDonald for extras on Westminster Av be received and filed.

5 That Wm. Tierney be offered the sum of \$57.82 without prejudice in full settlement of his claim on Beach Avenue.

sgd. S. Brighthouse Chairman

Moved by Alderman DePencier
Seconded by " Hobson.

That the dismissal of Mr. J.P. Lawson by the City Engineer be confirmed by Council and that a general investigation be instituted on the charges against said City Engineer.

5.5

Moved in Amendment by Alderman Brighthouse
Seconded by Alderman Brown.
That the matter be laid over for one week.

5.3 Amendment Carried

Moved by Alderman Templeton
Seconded by " Doering
That the Report of the Board of Works be adopted.

Carried

Finance No 4.

The Finance Committee met on Friday February 6th, 1891.

Present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Brown, Carroll, and Hobson.

It was resolved:-

1 That the following accounts be paid:-

Park Accounts

S.T. Tilley, Stationery \$24.15
Telephone Co. 23.00
C.P. Telegraph Co. 1.81
A. King, Posting Notices 1.00
Crowder & Penzer, Coal 27.00
Rose & Marshall, Cleaning flues. 5.00
C.Nelson, Toilet paper. 2.75
J. Miller, Stamps. 22.00

2 That \$200.00 be paid to the Speaker of Legislature through the City Solicitor to cover cost of proposed Amendments to the City Charter.

sgd. Wm. Brown
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Brighthouse
Seconded by " Godfrey

That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted.
Carried.

F. W & L. No 3.

The Fire, Water & Light Committee met on Wednesday, February 11th 1891.

Present Aldermen Templeton, Brown, and Brighthouse.

It was recommended that the following accounts be paid:-

Vancouver Water Works Co., Water \$118.23
Thos. Dunn & Co., 2 miles of wire. 86.20
Rose & Marshall, Repairs. 3.70
C.M. Hawley, Supplies. 3.25
Van Elec Ry & Light Co., Lights. 1400.69
F.K. Winch, [unreadable] 2.50
Creighton, Fraser & Co., Supplies. 6.55
J. Forbes horse shoeing. 4.00
J.M. Bazley, " 3.50
Henty Arkell, Straw. 10.50
Crowder & Penzer, Coal. 54.75

sgd

Wm. Templeton
Chairman

Moved by Alderman McDowell
Seconded by " Hobson.

That the Report of the F. W & L. Committee be adopted.

Carried.

Health. No 3.

The Health Committee met on Tuesday, February 10th 1891.

Present Aldermen Carroll, McDowell, and Templeton.

It was recommended:-

1 That the following accounts be paid:-

F.W. Hart, Supplies \$35.50
Hudson's Bay Co., " 17.00
R.V. Winch, " 13.68
Thorpe & Co., " 1.00
B.C. Cattle Co. " 33.83
H.H. Layfield & Co. " 43.20
Thos. E. Atkins, " 2.80
W.S. Cook, Scavenging. 5.50
Dr. Bell-Irving, Mental Examination 5.00
Dr. Wilson " " 5.00

S.T. Tilley, Stationery 1.00
H. McDowell & Co., Drugs. 76.53
J.P. Blake, Bread 7.10
McCain & Menzies, Removing Morgue. 35.00
Rose & Marshall, Supplies. 26.10
C. Hoare, Flushing Sewers .75
Hayes & McIntosh, Meat. 23.54
Wo Sing, Washing 23.25
H. Eligh, Milk. 28.16
Henry Collins, Supplies 10.65
Union S.S. Co. Rent. 15.00
Crowder & Penzer, Coal. 47.25

2 That an account be rendered to the C.P.R. Co. for the care of their patients in the City Hospital.
3 That Dr. H. Thomas be appointed a member of the Medical Staff of the City Hospital.
4 That the Board of Works be requested to have the hospital fence on the east side repaired as soon as possible.
5 That the Health Inspector be instructed to solicit tenders for connecting the City Morgue with the water works and public sewers, and that a sub-committee consisting of Aldermen Carroll, McDowell, and Templeton be appointed to examine into said tenders when received and decide as to the lowest tender.
6 That the Chairman of the Health Committee and the City Solicitor be instructed to interview Mr. McMillan's solicitor and have the question of the Morgue amicably arranged if possible.
(sgd) J.T. Carroll
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Brighthouse
Seconded by " DePencier.
That the Report of the Health Committee be adopted.

Carried.

Motions.

Moved by Alderman Hobson
Seconded by " McDowell.

That the following accounts be paid:-

R. Romang, et al., Labor. \$75.20
Boyd & Clendenning, Abbott St. 215.33
D. Urquhart, " " 178.29
Bradshaw & Urquhart: Hastings Park 363.60
Muir & Johnson, Smithe St. 21.23
D. Gibbons, Hastings Road. 169.65
Boyd & Clendenning, Alberni St. 694.26
A.D. McDonald, Barnard St. 66.69

Carried

Notices of Motion

Alderman McDowell gave notice that at the next regular meeting of Council he would move to amend Section 8 of By-Law known as Pound By-Law.

Alderman Templeton gave notice that he would move at next meeting that a copy of the correspondence re the Street crossing between the Management of C.P.R. and this City be forwarded to the Minister of Railways.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer

Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan

City Clerk